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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING
NODE CONTROLLERS USING PARTITIONS IN
A COMPUTER SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review, please amend the
Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following
paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional
Application Serial No. 60/219,949 filed July 20, 2000. --

REMARKS

Attached herewith is a separate sheet showing a marked up version of the amendments made to the specification.

Attached herewith for the Examiner's and Draftsperson's approval are formal drawings for this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates in general to computer system operation and more particularly to a method and apparatus for managing node controllers by using partitions in a computer system.

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